

St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes



*“I will give you the keys to the
kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 16:19a)*

**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2026**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS at the St. Nicholas Parish Center:

Monday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday following 8:00 am Mass - 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday following 8:00 am Mass - 2:00 pm
Bulletin deadline: Tuesday at 2:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 40, 201 E. Main Cross Street
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NEW PARISHIONERS: We joyfully welcome new members! Please register online at stnicholasholyfamily.org or call the Parish Office at 419-876-3481 if you have any questions..

CHECK OUT OUR "NEW & IMPROVED" PARISH WEBSITE: The website address remains the same which is: www.stnicholasholyfamily.org To view live stream Masses, type in website, click on the Media tab, and click on the corresponding church you want to view. If you ever have any questions, please let us know.

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SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm - St. Nicholas
7:00 pm - Holy Family
Sunday Morning
8:30 am - Holy Family
10:30 am - St. Nicholas

Weekday

Tuesday 8:00 am - St. Nicholas
Wednesday 8:00 am - Holy Family
Thursday 6:30 pm - Holy Family
Friday 8:00 am - St. Nicholas

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Nicholas: Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Holy Family: Thursday 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Father Scott at least 6 months in advance to begin the Marriage Preparation process.

Sacrament of Baptism

First time parents are required to attend Baptism Preparation classes. We offer annual sessions in the Spring & Fall or as requested. Please contact the Parish Office for class information and to schedule Baptism. Please note that the Church asks that children receive baptism within a few weeks of birth (Canon 867 §1).

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Scott. Also call the Parish Office if interested in a First Friday homebound visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Process in place for those adults and children ages 7 and older interested in becoming Catholic. Please contact Fr. Scott.

Eucharistic Exposition

Tuesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction **at St. Nicholas**
Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction **at Holy Family**

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Exposition is canceled when there is a Funeral on a Tuesday or Wednesday at the corresponding church.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If any parishioner has a prayer request/intention, please let us know by calling the office at 419-876-3481 or sending us an email at parishoffice@stnicholasholyfamily.org

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August 23, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that so many of our young parishioners will be returning to school on Monday. We have also had some parishioners move to college recently and even some embarking on journeys as FOCUS missionaries to college campuses. I hope this upcoming 2026-2027 academic year is one filled with many blessings and the opportunity to grow in many ways, especially spiritually. Please know that I will be especially praying for our students, teachers, and school staff this week as they embark on the adventure of this new school year.



I am looking forward to our annual Family Fun Day next Sunday. If you would like to join the parish cornhole tournament, there is a QR code on page 6 of the bulletin. I got some cornhole practice in myself last Sunday as we held a sports night for many of ourthurifers. Thurifers are those servers who handle the thurible during liturgies which is the liturgical item that contains charcoal with incense. It was a fun time which not only included a cornhole tournament of our own but also campfire and s'mores. This past week, we also held altar server enrichment sessions for all of our Saturday and Sunday servers with a small gift of appreciation for them. I am grateful for their dedication to this important ministry of serving at the altar and helping us to celebrate reverent liturgies. I also appreciate all of our many liturgical ministries for their dedication and using their gifts and talents to help us in the worship of God.

This past Tuesday, Archbishop Coakley, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Thomas, who is the current chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, came out with a joint statement that invites Catholics in our country to unite in prayer. This invitation comes due the FDA allowing broader access to abortion pills by allowing them to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold in pharmacies and online. To fight against this evil, Archbishop Coakley and Bishop Thomas invite Catholics from now until the end of October (Respect Life month) to invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life (see the prayer below). Other opportunities to take action can be found at respectlife.org.

May St. Joseph come to the aid of the unborn whose lives are threatened and to those mothers who are considering abortion, and may he "help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life."

In Christ,
Fr. Scott

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS for the week of August 10-16, 2026

<u>St. Nicholas:</u>		<u>Holy Family:</u>	
Regular:	\$4,528.10	Regular:	\$4,979.25
Utility:	\$20.00	Utility:	\$5.00
Total:	\$4,548.10	Total:	\$4,984.25

Damascus Summer Camp (CYSC) collected this time period: \$1,425.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

UPCOMING/SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER: Catholic University of America, Perpetuate the Gift

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS OF SN & HF:
"All K of C members" are welcome & are encouraged to join in leading &/or praying the rosary prior to Mass on the 5th Sunday of the month on **August 30**.

SN EUCHARISTIC ADORERS & ROSARY LEADERS AT SN: Updates were made to these two schedules. The new 'St. Nicholas' Eucharistic Adoration schedules & 'St. Nicholas' rosary schedules are now available at the entryway of SN church. Please pick up your envelope when you can. Thank you.

BACK TO SCHOOL: May God's blessings be with all of our Miller City students, teachers, school staff & parents as they begin the new school year.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) Would you or someone you know be interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about what Catholics believe? If so, we would like to invite you to join us for OCIA. OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and is for anyone (adult or child 7 years old or over) who is unbaptized and is open to the possibility of becoming Catholic or just wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. We also welcome baptized non-Catholics and baptized adult Catholics who have not yet received their Confirmation and/or First Communion. If you or someone you know would be interested in more information or would like to sign up, please contact Fr. Scott or visit or call the Parish Office. We look forward to walking with you on your journey of faith!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast

Tuesday, August 25 - Weekday, Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00 am Mass SN (†Bernard (Bernie) Schnipke)

Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN

Wednesday, August 26 - Weekday

8:00 am Mass HF (L&D Meyer & Lammers Families)

Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF

Thursday, August 27 - Saint Monica, Memorial

2:00 pm Mass at the Meadows of Ottawa

5:45-6:15 pm Confessions HF

6:30 pm Mass HF (†Sharon Lammers)

Friday, August 28 - Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

8:00 am Mass SN (L&D Drummelsmith Families)

Saturday, August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist Memorial;

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3:00-3:30 pm Confessions SN

4:00 pm Mass SN († Bill & Carol Ruck, †Roger Barlage, †Carolyn Balbaugh)

7:00 pm Mass HF (†Sgt. Jaden Nuveman)

Sunday, August 30 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am Mass HF (People of the Parish)

10:30 am Mass SN (People of the Parish)



Mass Servers (August 29 & 30)

4:00 pm Ellie Teders, Amelia Nartker, Lydia Verhoff
7:00 pm William King, Mason Schroeder, Kendall Schroeder
8:30 am Sam & Eli Otto, Chase Koenig
10:30 am Brayden, Wes & Anna Tobe



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
rosary intention this week is: for the health and well-being of current priests in the Diocese of Toledo.

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November 7th & 8th

St. Nicholas Parish Center

For more information or to sign up, call or text:

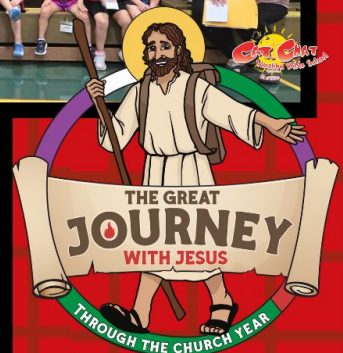
Jenelle Niese at (419) 889-4211 or Megan Gonder (419) 956-8898.

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) will begin its weekly fall sessions on **Saturday, September 12 at 6:15 am until 7:30 am at the St. Nicholas Parish Center.** So far, over 60 men have benefitted since our parish TMIY program began, and there are usually 25 to 30 men in attendance for any given session. All men are welcome to join us for any of the fall sessions by just showing up! Granted, it is a little early in the morning but well worth it! We hope to see you at TMIY on September 12 or any Saturdays after that. If you have any questions, you can reach out to any of the following core team members: Todd Otto, Curt Tobe, Garrett Steffan, Darrell Wrasman, Mike Tobe or Deacon Doyle.

She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) is a program that engages the deepest longings of the feminine heart. It's a place for women who want to be truly known and loved on their journey with the Lord. **SHE trans- forms** women's hearts so that they discover the profound depths of the feminine heart, transforms relationships with God and other people, and transforms ordinary life into a story of extraordinary grace. Please join us at Holy Family Parish Hall (Basement) starting Sunday, September 13th at 7 pm. We will meet every Sunday for 9 weeks.



VBS 2026





SAINT NICHOLAS AND HOLY FAMILY PARISHES

FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship
Games for kids, sack races, and water
balloon toss!

Cornhole tournament starts at 12:30!
Resources to use throughout the year and
Football mania tickets for sale!



Where: Holy Family outside
When: Sunday, August 30th
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Who: All are welcome

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

If you would like to volunteer, please email Kira Niese at:
yfm@stnicholasholyfamily.org

Grab a partner and sign up
for the first annual St. Nicholas and Holy Family
Cornhole Tournament that will take place during Family
Fun Day.

The tournament will start at 12:30 PM
For more information, scan the QR code.



Football Mania is back! Scan the QR
code to purchase online tickets, or
paper tickets are available in the parish
office! Tickets will also be sold at the
Family Fun Day on August 30th! All
proceeds will benefit all youth events
for the year!



DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP "2027": We
have reserved spots again this year for taking a group
to camp. The reservation was made for Main Campus
week 4, June 27th-July 2nd. We have 25 boys & 30 girls
spots for high school. There is also a reservation for
middle school that same week with 10 boys & 15 girls
spots. Registration for this does not open until
September 1st and will close October 5th at 5pm.

**DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP "2026",
FORMALLY KNOWN AS CYSC:** Our annual
CYSC donation boards are located in the entryways at
both churches through August 31st. *God reward you
for supporting this powerful & transforming mission!*
Parents of youth attending this camp that would like
financial assistance, please fill out this form by
scanning the QR Code no later than September 1st.



The Lamb's Supper

Young Adults Bible study is starting back up this
fall!

We will be doing a study on Scott Hahn's book
"The Lamb's Supper" - *The Mass As Heaven On
Earth*.

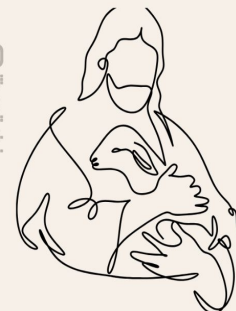
We will have our study on Sunday's from 1:30-3pm
and our first one will be on September, 13th.

They will be held at the REC across from Holy
Family Church 7359 OH-109, Ottawa, OH 45875

Please purchase the book before our first meeting
& don't forget your Bibles!

Share the word & bring a friend!

If you are a young adult
and would like to be
updated with Young
Adult activities,
download the
GroupMe app and scan
the QR code to join
Putnam County Young
Adults!



Year of St. Francis Pilgrimage Sites: Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Year of St. Francis to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace, which extends through January 2027, the faithful have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. Bishop Thomas has designated three Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Toledo for the faithful to visit in prayer:

- The Portiuncula on the Motherhouse grounds of the Sylvania Franciscans
- The Motherhouse Eucharistic Chapel on the grounds of the Tiffin Franciscans
- The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey

For more information about the Year of St. Francis and details for Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites, visit: toledodiocese.org/francis

CELEBRATION OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with the annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2026 – **25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years** – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on Sunday, **October 25** at 3:00 pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following Mass. To register visit: toledoanniversarymass.org

MASS FOR FARMERS WITH PRESENTATION OF THE CENTURY FARM AWARD: Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the annual Mass for Farmers on Thursday, **October 1, 2026** at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael Parish, 317 E. Madison St., Gibsonburg. As we celebrate harvest season, we give thanks for farmers and honor their vital role in our Diocese. This beloved tradition includes the presentation of the Century Farm Awards from Catholic Charities, recognizing Catholic families who have maintained a working farm or homestead for 100 years or more. For more information or to request a Century Farm Awards registration form (**due September 11**), contact Marla Garner at (419) 214-4898 or mgarner@toledodiocese.org.

USE CAUTION: If you receive an email/text or phone call requesting money, gift cards, financial information, or for help from our clergy or parish, always confirm the request is legitimate with a return phone call to the Parish Office or to the Better Business Bureau.

PROTECTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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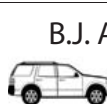
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